

Celebrating a Century: Bay St. Louis native turns 100 years old

BY CASSANDRA FAVRE
STAFF WRITER

On Dec. 9, Bay St. Louis native Verna Margaret McCathen-Preston will celebrate her 100th birthday and her secret to longevity is “believing in God.”

EARLY LIFE

She was born in New Orleans in 1923 to Julia and Henry, the first born of the couple’s five children: Verna, Charlotte, Helen, Buddy, and Penelope.

Verna grew up in Bay St. Louis and attended St. Rose de Lima school from kindergarten through 12th grade, she said.

During that time, businesses and schools, etc., were segregated, Verna said.

“But, I was an or-



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very little girl,” she said. “I would go to the whites-only drugstore and buy stuff. They were

nice people and were really nice to me. The lady that ran it used to give me tickets to the mov-



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ies.” Verna graduated in 1942, not long after the United States entered

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Santa Claus keeps coming to town

BY GEOFF BELCHER
GENERAL MANAGER

If you’re hoping for a Christmas visit from Krampus this year, you may be a little disappointed, but Santa Claus keeps coming to town all over Hancock County, with appearances scheduled in the Kiln and Diamondhead Christmas parades this weekend.

The jolly old elf visited the Bay St. Louis branch of the Hancock County Library System on Sunday for the the HCLS’s annual Holiday Tree Celebration, posing with children and library staff, then traveled to the

Kiln branch on Tuesday and is expected at the Waveland branch on Thursday from 6-7:30 p.m. The Pearlinton Library will host its Holiday Tree Celebration on Tuesday, Dec. 12, from 6-7:30 p.m.; and, the Diamondhead / East Hancock branch will host its public reception and Open House on Thursday, Dec. 14, from 6-7:30 p.m.

The annual Kiln Fire Truck Parade is scheduled to roll on Saturday, Dec. 9, beginning

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Photo by Geoff Belcher | Sea Coast Echo
Santa helped the Bay St. Louis branch of the Hancock County Library System celebrate its annual Holiday Tree celebration on Sunday.

97-year-old WWII vet still loves life & golf

BY GEOFF BELCHER
GENERAL MANAGER

When 97-year-old Bill Roofner — the oldest WWII vet living in Diamondhead — celebrates his birthday this Thursday, Dec. 7, the thing he’s looking forward to most isn’t his party, it’s his golf game.

“My short game is still good,” Roofner said. “but my eyesight is getting a little bad. My doctor asked me how my golf game is going, and I said ‘Great, I’m hitting the ball out of sight now.’ Of course, about a hundred yards is about as far as I can see.”

Despite his age, Roofner still golfs every week — “It gets me out of the house,” he said.

“About the only way we can beat him is to tell him we don’t know where his ball went,” Roofner’s friend and oc-

casional golf partner Ernie Knobloch, president of the Diamondhead Property Owner’s Association, said Tuesday.

Roofner said that when he retired from working at the steel mill in Detroit in 1981, he wanted to go work on a golf course.

“I got my wish” by moving to Diamondhead after Hurricane Katrina, he said. “We have two golf courses. Where else can you find that?”

A FAMILY MAN

“Most everybody in my family were golfers, at one time or another,” Roofner said, including his late wife Doris and their four children.

“Bill and his wife were a very competent team of golfers,” Knobloch said.

Their children were too, especially his daughter Barbara, now 74.

“She out-drove me on the course once,” Roofner said.

Bill and Doris raised four children. Both daughters and one of their sons still live in Detroit, the other son lives in Las Vegas, Nev.

“About two years ago, Bill’s daughters asked if he’d rather die in Detroit or Mississippi,” Knobloch said.

“I said Mississippi,” Roofner said.

Not too long ago, Knobloch said, Roofner handed him an index card.

“It said, ‘If I die on the golf course, here’s who you call,’” Knobloch said.

It was his daughter, of course.

Roofner still gets misty-eyed talking about Doris.

“I was married for 73 years,” he said. “She died about three-and-a-



Photo by Geoff Belcher | Sea Coast Echo
97-year-old Bill Roofner, avid golfer and WWII vet, celebrates his birthday today.

half years ago.”

Before her death, Doris went through a slow decline and dementia.

“I loved that woman even more when I was taking care of her than I did before,” he said. “My wife was something else. When she was 34 years old with four kids, she said ‘I want to go to college,’ and six years later

she graduated from the University of Michigan.

Both daughters followed in their mom’s footsteps and became teachers.

Both sons followed in their dad’s footsteps and joined the military, although they went into

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Gov. Reeves presents MS-934 AFJROTC with Wreaths Across America Day proclamation

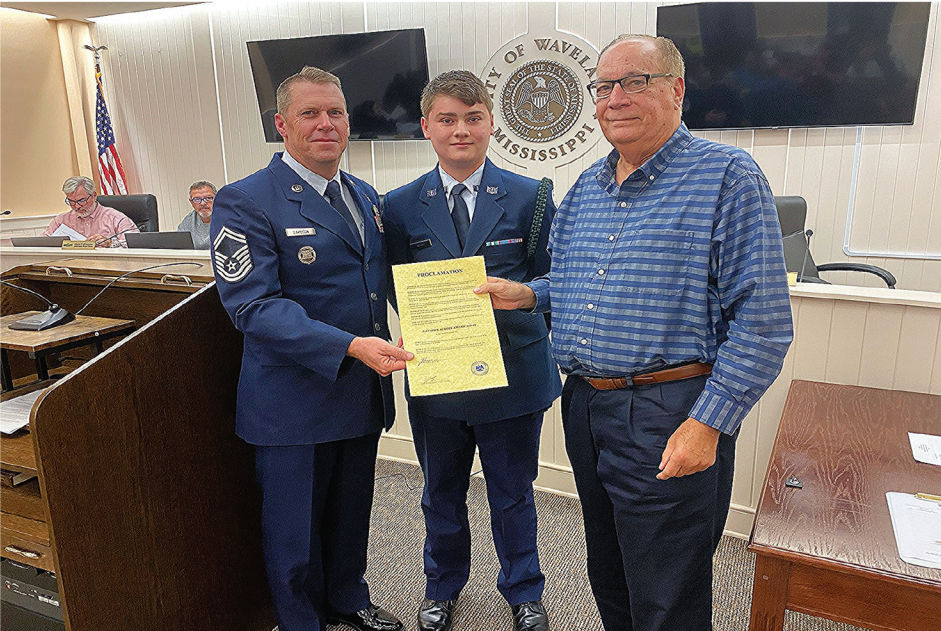


Photo courtesy of the City of Waveland
From left, SMSgt. Larry Davidson and Cadet SSgt. Jack DuPont with Waveland Mayor Jay Trapani.



Photo courtesy of MS-934 AFJROTC
Cadets with Gov Reeves.

SPECIAL TO THE ECHO

Each year, millions of Americans come together to remember the fallen, honor those that serve and their families, and teach the next generation about the value of freedom.

This gathering of volunteers and patriots takes place in local, state and national cemeteries in all 50 states – including the Waveland Cemetery - as part of National Wreaths Across America Day.

MS-934 partnered with all levels of government in the state of Mississippi in our case it was the: City of Waveland (Board of Mayor and Alderman, Hancock County (Board of Supervisors), and of course

the State of Mississippi (Governor).

On November 30, 2023 MS-934 was given a private tour of the Governor’s Mansion which ended by Gov Reeves signing and presenting a “Wreaths Across America Day” proclamation. The proclamation from the Board of Supervisors will be presented on site at the Wreaths Across America Day Ceremony at the Waveland Cemetery on Dec 16 at 11 a.m.

Bay High School Custodian Delfred Farve has been nominated for the 2023-2024 national LifeChanger of the Year award.

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Sponsored by the National Life Group Foundation, the national LifeChanger of the Year program recognizes and rewards the very best K-12 public and private school educators and employees across the United States who are making a difference in the lives of students by exemplifying



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Bay High School custodian Delfred Farve.

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Biz-Zee Bee includes a number of items for children, including brightly colored bows.

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Friday: 10am - 5pm
Saturday: 10am - 4pm
Sunday: 12pm - 4pm

Biz-zee Bee at 111 Main Street is more than just a shop; it's a hive of activity, fashion, and community spirit. Since its opening in 2005, Biz-zee Bee has buzzed with the laughter and excitement of families. Owned by the effervescent Janelle Graham, this store is a trove of children's fashion and accessories. From stylish clothing for boys and girls to essential items for special occasions like baptisms and dance competitions, Biz-zee Bee ensures your young ones are always in vogue.

Janelle, a discerning mother of two, curates her collections with a keen eye for quality, style, and affordability. The shop boasts popular brands like Properly Tied and the locally adored Sweet Bay Clothing and Little Tales.

At Biz-zee Bee, customization is key. Janelle and her team work magic on their high-tech sewing machines, offering bespoke embroidery on everything from purses to newborn outfits. This personal touch is a testament to their dedication to customer service, a hallmark that has built a loyal clientele over the years.

In a nod to its excellence and impact on the community, Biz-zee Bee was honored as the 2023 Business of the Year by the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce. This accolade reflects the store's significant contribution to the local community and its success in delivering an outstanding shopping experience. Adding to the convenience for shoppers, Biz-zee Bee also offers free gift wrapping, making it an ideal stop for thoughtful gifts.

This Second Saturday, Biz-zee Bee turns into a buzzing hotspot with the Fun and Funky Pop Broth-

ers Disco Truck setting the mood from 3-6 pm. So be sure to join the festivities this Second Saturday at Biz-zee Bee, where fashion, fun, and friendly faces await.

Good Earth Records

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Friday: 11am - 6pm
Saturday: 11am - 6pm
Sunday: 11am - 6pm

Located at 212 Main St., behind the building, Good Earth Records is a haven for music enthusiasts and collectors. Owned by the passionate duo, Douglas Page and Erin Warfield, who relocated from New Orleans, Good Earth Records started in the midst of the 2020 pandemic. What began as a personal record collection quickly transformed into a unique store that now thrives in Bay St. Louis. The owners' journey, from navigating corporate accounting to embracing a life surrounded by music and creativity, underpins the store's eclectic and welcoming vibe.

Good Earth Records isn't just about selling records; it's a multifaceted space echoing the owners' diverse interests. From an impressive array of vintage clothing and jewelry to hand-picked plants and local art, the store is a treasure trove for various tastes. The owners' commitment to supporting local artists shines through in their carefully curated local music section.

Expanding their reach into the local community, Good Earth Records has formed a notable partnership with the Bay Saint Louis Little Theater, hosting concerts and shows that bring the community together through music and performance. This collaboration enriches Bay St. Louis' cultural landscape, offering residents and visitors alike the chance to enjoy unique and engaging

live events. Furthermore, owner Douglas Page, aka DJ Doug Funnie, contributes with his DJ services. Specializing in vinyl, DJ Doug Funnie brings a retro flair to events with his expertise in seventies and eighties funk and disco. This blend of retail, community engagement, and personal artistry makes Good Earth Records a standout destination in Bay St. Louis.

This Second Saturday, the store is set to host a musical treat with Jesse Loya and the House Katz performing live from 5 to 7 pm. Their presence promises to add a vibrant energy to the store's already eclectic ambiance. Additionally in celebration of their hot spot status, Good Earth Records is hosting a giveaway, where every purchase made on Second Saturday comes with a chance to win one of their "Good Earth Gift Bags", each promising to be a delightful mix of the store's eclectic offerings.

Good Earth Records has created an oasis for music lovers and collectors, a place where every visit is an opportunity to explore new sounds, styles, and stories. This Second Saturday on December 9th, Good Earth Records invites you to immerse yourself in the rich tapestry of music and art, making your Second Saturday in Bay St. Louis an unforgettable experience. Good Earth Records is more than just a record store; it's a celebration of culture, art, and community spirit.

Ruth's Roots Community Garden

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Hours:
OPEN 24/7

Ruth's Roots Community Garden, located at 130 Court St., serves as a beacon of community spirit and natural beauty. Known affectionately by Bay St. Louis residents as their "happy place," Ruth's



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Ruth's Roots Community Garden exposes the young and old of the community to nature.

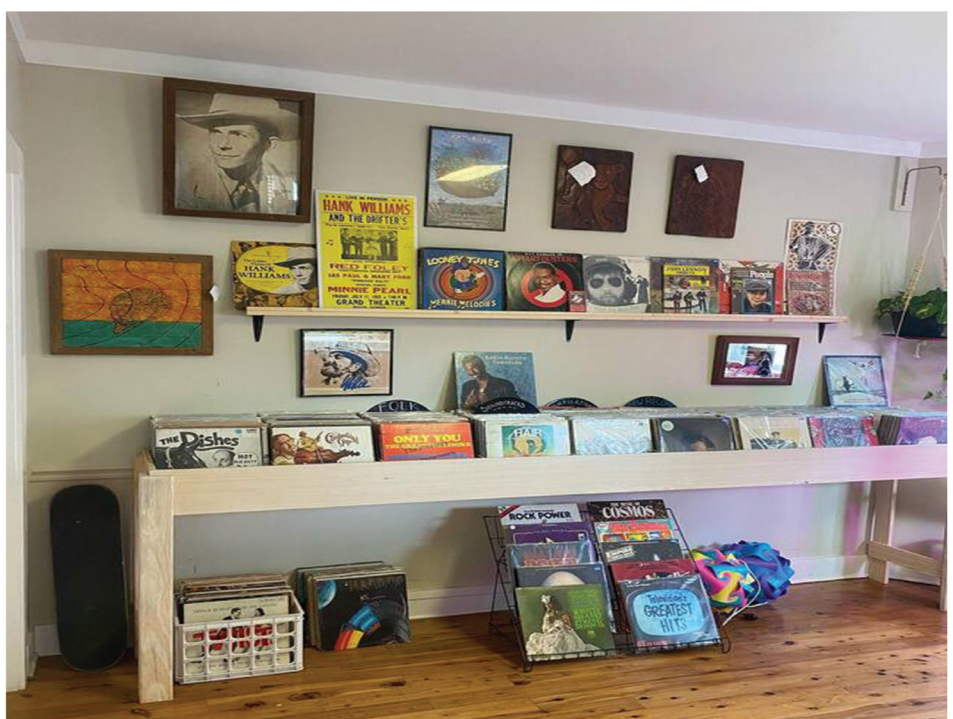


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Good Earth Records carries new and used vinyl records.

Roots is more than just a garden. It's a vibrant tapestry of local culture and artistry. The entrance, marked by a vivid and eclectic fence, handcrafted by volunteers, sets the stage for the magic within. Inside, the garden unfolds into a whimsical space filled with local artwork, interactive sculptures, and a diversity of flora and fauna. Highlights include a butterfly house, a fish pond, playful bunnies, buzzing bees, a food pantry known as the blessing box, flourishing rows of flower and vegetable beds and an array of free little libraries.

But the charm of Ruth's Roots goes beyond its visual appeal. Founded in 2016 by Elise Deano, then a youth court judge in Hancock County, the garden was initially envisioned as a rehabilitative space for young people in the juvenile court system. Deano's ambition was to offer these youths a chance to learn, grow, and contribute positively to their community. The success of her vision was evident, with over 30 teens completing their service hours at the garden.

Despite the conclusion of the court gardening program in 2017, Ruth's Roots has continued to thrive. It's a place where every day offers a new discovery, from families engaging with outdoor musical instruments to couples picnicking under the shade of the mighty oak tree. The garden's ability

to cater to all ages and interests, combined with its commitment to being a welcoming, free space for the community, sets it apart.

Operating as a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, Ruth's Roots relies entirely on private donations and grants. "The community's response has been overwhelmingly positive," shares Elise. "People contribute in so many ways - time, food, plants, books.

It's pure magic."

This Second Saturday on December 9th, Ruth's Roots extends an invitation to experience this enchanting community haven and to partake in an outdoor game day extravaganza in celebration of their Hotspot status. From 1-5 pm, attendees can enjoy classic games like cornhole, horseshoes, Jenga, croquet and more, making it the perfect family-friendly hotspot.



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World War II in 1941 after the Dec. 7 attack on Pearl Harbor.

“My uncle, who served in the Army, had to go to war,” she said.

Verna said she worked at a segregated boarding school for girls. She worked in the dining room, setting the table for breakfast, lunch, and dinner and also washed dishes.

“They gave me the leftover food and I gave it to my aunt and uncle,” Verna said. “They saved money by not having to buy food for two years and my uncle was able to save and build his own house.”

She also shared her earnings with her mother’s family, she said.

After high school, Verna said, she attended the Florida Normal and Industrial Institute, which was a Baptist school.

“They taught business administration and how to be a teacher,” she said. “I learned typing and learned to write much better. I still remember much of shorthand today.”

Verna shared a still-vivid memory from her college days.

“I was walking home from church one Sunday and I saw this plane coming straight towards me,” she said. “I wanted to run across the street, but froze. And then the plane hit the place I wanted to run to.”

After college, Verna worked for the federal government as a typist in Florida.

“I enjoyed it,”



Photo submitted
Verna and her husband Ernest on their wedding day in 1946.

she said. “I had nice co-workers.”

“PRETTY LEGS”

Verna met her husband Ernest at church. He was a member of the U.S. Coast Guard and stationed in Florida.

“He played basketball,” Verna said. “He had pretty legs for a man and pretty hands, prettier than mine.”

Verna said the couple had a mutual attraction to each other.

During World War II, Ernest was stationed on the USS General Gordon.

“He wrote to me every day,” she said. “He was a fireman on the ship. All his letters came in one day and fit in a big grocery box.”

The couple married on Aug. 12, 1946, and made their marital home in Roanoke, VA. The

couple had six children: Ernest III, Joseph, Henry, Claudia, John, and Ann.

Ernest attended college in Hampton, Virgin-



Photo submitted
Verna enjoying the day.

ia on the GI Bill, Verna said, and graduated with honors.

“He was a nice man,” she said. “Very thought-

ful.”

The pair shared 43 years together until Ernest passed away in 1990.

They are grandparents to 49 grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

FOND MEMORIES

Every year, Verna said, she would come to Bay St. Louis to visit family and friends. In fact, family and friends are hosting a big celebration for her 100th birthday in her hometown.

Verna also said she still has a fondness for what she called the “only paper in the Bay.”

“My mother read us the Sea Coast Echo, she liked to read to us,” Verna said.

Verna said she remembers how nice the people of Bay St. Louis are.

“We did a lot of crabbing down there,” she said. “We stayed out all day and gave crabs to everybody in the neighborhood.”

Her advice to younger generations: “Live close to God, go to church first of all and follow the rules of the church.”



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Verna enjoying Thanksgiving this year with some of her family members.



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Pictures with Krampus

I just think it would be so awesome if instead of advertising pictures with Santa Claus, organizations offered pictures with Krampus.

I mean, if people must worship a mythical figure, at least give them more options.

According to history.com, Krampus — derived from Austria’s Alpine region — is the “half-man, half-goat who comes around every year to chase naughty children and may- be even drag them to hell.”

Krampus originated during pagan celebrations of the winter solstice, the website states.

“Later, they became part of Christian traditions in which St. Nicholas visited children to reward them on Dec. 5 or 6,” according to the website. “Around that time, his menacing partner would also visit kids to punish them. In Alpine Austria and some parts of Germany, this day was known as Krampusnacht or Krampus night, when adults might dress up as Krampus to frighten children at their homes.”

And there was a real St. Nicholas. History.com states that the legend of Santa Claus can be traced to a monk named St. Nicholas, who is believed to have been born around 280 A.D. in Patara, near Myra in modern-day Turkey.

“Much admired for his piety and kindness, St. Nicholas became the subject of many legends,” the website states. “It is said that he gave away all of his inherited wealth and traveled the countryside helping the poor and sick. One of the best-known St. Nicholas stories is the time he saved three poor sisters from being sold into slavery or prostitution by their father by providing them with a dowry so that they could be married.”

St. Nicholas also became known as the protector of children and sailors and his feast day is celebrated on the anniversary of his death, Dec. 6.

Near the end of the 18th century, History.com states, St. Nicholas made his way into American popular culture after a New York newspaper reported on Dutch families who gathered to honor the anniversary of St. Nicholas’ death.

The name Santa Claus is taken from the St. Nicholas’ Dutch nickname, Sinter Klaas, a shortened form of Sint Nikolaas (Dutch for St. Nicholas), the website states.

“In 1804, John Pintard, a member of the New York Historical Society, distributed woodcuts of St. Nicholas at the society’s annual meeting,” the website states. “The background of the engraving contains

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Hancock History: Bay-Waveland Yacht Club

The Bay Waveland Yacht Club (BWYC) was founded in 1896. A “grandstand,”

double story club house was built at the end of a 1,100-foot pier over the waters of the Mississippi Sound at the foot of Washington Street. This location was considered the center of Bay St. Louis at that time. The club construction cost was \$2,500, and the building boasted of “water works and departments for accommodations for ladies as well as gentlemen.” The BWYC club house opened in 1897. According to “The Sea Coast Echo,” it was said that the club house was the most handsome, well-equipped, and prettiest club house in the South.

A Fleet Review is a naval tradition whereby a gathering of boats parade before a dignitary such as a monarch. The earliest royal review took place in England in 1415 in front of King Henry V before his fleet sailed out to fight in the 100 Years War. The first Review of the Fleet at the BWYC accompanied the first annual regatta in 1896. According to “The Sea Coast Echo,” “residents and businesses alike along Front Street (Beach Blvd.) were asked to illuminate their houses and businesses and decorate elaborately.” There were as many as fifty yachts (sloops) sailing from places as far away as New Orleans and Mobile for the regatta. “Putting on an

extravagant show was of the utmost importance.”

The first annual regatta organized by the newly formed BWYC occurred in August 1896 before the new club house was completed. The first Commodore was Thomas Rice Richardson. His great-great grandson, Basil Kennedy, was also Commodore of the BWYC in 1986 and is an active and invaluable member of the club today. The Review of the Fleet in 1896 was led by the flagship “Florence,” a fifty-five-foot sloop (sailboat with only one mast). A flagship in a fleet of vessels is typically the first, largest, most heavily armored, or best-known. The “Florence” belonged to Lawrence O’Donnell, a



HANCOCK HISTORY
BY JAMES KEATING M.D.

respected Federal Judge in New Orleans and previous Commodore of the Southern Yacht Club. He designed the boat and was known as one of the best amateur boat designers in New Orleans. O’Donnell was a regatta

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Conservation Corner: Falconry in Mississippi

Falconry, or hawk- ing, is a sport involving trained raptors (birds of prey) to hunt or pursue game for humans. Traditional views of falconry state that the art was started in Mesopotamia with two standard terms used to describe such a person involved in this art: Falconer was one flying a falcon, and Aus- tringer was the term used for those flying a hawk (traditionally an Accipiter). Though these two terms now fall under the general label of falconer, there are several of these volatile birds used in this sport today.

Falconry has been used for centuries on end. It was a highly favored sport 1,000 years B.C. and was highly re- fined for use in the mili- tary campaigns of the Great Kahns, who also practiced falconry to acquire food. By the age of Marco Polo, over 60 officials managed over 5,000 trappers and more than 10,000 falconers and falconry workers.

The first accounts of falconry in the New

World date back to 1622 when an attorney named Thomas Morton arrived in New England and wrote of his dealings with hawks and falconry. Later, in the 1650s, Jan Baptist sent back to Holland for his falcon and flew her at a quarry in the Hudson Valley. There are even accounts further south, in the Valley of Mexico, that one of Cortez’s captains had a trained hawk.

Colonel R. L. “Luff” Meredith is credited as the “father” of falconry in America. Others joined him, and in the 1940s, they formed the Falconers Association of North America, which ceased due to World War II. Today, falconry is legal in every U.S. state except Hawaii.

Each state adopts federal regulations on the capture and possession of protected raptors, and they may also implement stricter regulations of their own. Mississippi encourages the sport of falconry, but it takes seriously the requirements that must be met to be

licensed.

Falconry is a very demanding and tedious sport. There are a few things you should consider before becoming involved in this glorious sport. Falconry is extremely time-consuming and requires serious dedication. Because of the amount of devotion needed, there are three levels to achieve in falconry. Apprentice falconer—you are required to work with a master falconer for a minimum of 2 years. General falconer—requires extensive experience with raptors and hunting. Master falconer—to achieve this level, you must have dedicated a minimum of 8 years to falconry.

Falconry requires a strong ethical conviction because you must be dedicated to the training and the protection of your raptor. Anyone not totally committed to the sport should step away as soon as possible because the haphazard handling of these powerful creatures can harm the bird. This neglect, in turn, can



GUEST COLUMN
BY JAMES CUMMINS

put a blight on the sport in general. It is because of this that most falconers strongly encourage a high level of dedication from potential falconers.

If you are interested in learning more about falconry, contact the Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks.

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Yasser J. Arrechavala-Molina, 39, receiving stolen property; hold for other agency
Danny Wright, 37, felony possession of controlled substance
Clayton S. Favre, 39, contempt of court failure to appear
Robert E. Thibodaux, 52, hold for other agency
Jason C. Hoover, 45, hold for other agency
Jaya L. Tate, 24, assault simple domestic violence
Curtis D. Keels, 28, assault simple domestic violence; contempt of court failure to appear
John T. Busker, 31, simple domestic violence simple assault; probation violation justice court
Luis F. Urrea Membrano, 19, no proof of liability insurance; no drivers license or ex-

pired; hold for ICE
William T. Spiers, 53, contempt of court failure to appear
Demarques D. Washington, 23, hold for other agency
Jerry L. Atkins, 55, contempt of court failure to appear
Rebekah L. Wiese, 39, contempt failure to appear x 2
Murphy F. Bode, 37, contempt failure to appear
Justine A. Hodes, 38, trespassing; contempt failure to appear
Tayvon L. Thomas, 23, DUI
Edarious K. Smith, 22, armed robbery
Ashley N. Berry, 34, disorderly conduct; motor vehicle resisting/obstructing arrest
Raed S. Alwari, 41, hold for other agency
Phillip J. McLaurin, 47, DUI causing serious injury; motor vehicle leaving scene of accident-involving injury/death x 2; shoplifting; simple assault on policemen or fireman or school official; felony fleeing and eluding; leaving scene of accident unat-

tended vehicle; probation violation
Larry C. Taylor, 32, evasion, failure to stop a motor vehicle
Larry G. Holland, 62, accessory after the fact
David A. Jarvis Jr., 49, disorderly conduct; simple domestic violence simple assault
Armond A. Kaiser, 59, contempt failure to appear
William R. Wiley, 40, DUI 4th
David B. Berges, 63, stalking
Jeffery A. Gregoire, 38, felony possession of C/S; meth
James H. Berry III, 46, contempt failure to appear
Johanna K. Catalanotto, 44, tampering with physical evidence; controlled substance or counterfeit substance violations
Seth S. Perret, 23, contempt of court failure to appear
Patrick H. Wilks, 25, contempt of court failure to appear
Carver B. Spiers, 59, contempt of court failure to appear
Ellen L. Delle, 35,

contempt of court failure to appear
Christopher L. Shockley, 39, felony possession of controlled substance
Charles W. Davis, 60, contempt of court failure to appear x 3; petit larceny
Scott A. Huffer, 54, hold for other agency
Tyler D. Carnley, 31, contempt of court failure to appear; simple assault
Gary V. Taylor, 29, contempt of court failure to appear
Lance D. Davis, 34, contempt failure to appear
Gordon T. Gollott Jr., 58, felony possession of controlled substance
Kristopher R. Shavers, 38, felony possession of controlled substance; contempt of court failure to appear
James E. Brashier, 41, assault: aggravated-manifesting extreme indifference to human life
Brandi R. McGee, 46, contempt of court failure to appear x 2
Clifford E. Knight, 44,, contempt of court failure to appear

Kenneth M. Brown, 68, felony possession of controlled substance; DUI 1st offense; contempt of court failure to appear

Joseph M. Johnson, 42, simple domestic violence simple assault
Varin J. Hoss, 38, possession of paraphernalia



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• KRAMPUS

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now-familiar Santa images including stockings filled with toys and fruit hung over a fireplace.”
In 1820, stores began to advertise for Christmas shopping in the 1840s, newspapers were creating separate sections for holiday advertisements, which often featured images of Santa Claus, the website states. In 1841, a shop in Philadelphia displayed a life-sized Santa Claus to attract children. And in the 1890s, the Salvation Army, looking to raise money to provide free Christmas meals to needy families, began dressing up unemployed men in Santa Claus suits and posting them in the streets of New York to solicit donations.

Since 1924, Santa has appeared in nearly every Macy’s Thanksgiving Day Parade.

In 1822, the Episcopal minister Clement Clarke Moore wrote the poem, “An Account of a Visit from St. Nicholas,” or as it is more widely known, “Twas the Night Before Christmas.”

According to History.com, Moore was “initially hesitant to publish due to the frivolous nature of its subject,” and the poem is “largely responsible for our modern image of Santa Claus as ‘right jolly old elf’ with a portly figure and the supernal abilities to ascend a chimney with a mere nod of his head. His poem helped popularize the now-familiar image of a Santa Claus who flew from house to house on Christmas Eve in ‘a miniature sleigh’ led by eight flying reindeer to leave presents for deserving children.”

In the United States, History.com states, Santa is depicted as flying on his magic sleigh led by his reindeer. Santa and his wife live at the North Pole and children can write letters to Santa and also track his progress around the world on Christmas Eve. It is said that Santa keeps a “naughty” and “nice” list and children can leave cookies and milk for Santa on Christmas Eve.

“Parents often invoke these lists as a way to ensure their children are on their best behavior,” the website states.

And let’s be real, people rarely, from what I’ve seen, follow a naughty list. Children, whether naughty or nice, get gifts — well, unless they are in situations where the parents or guardians are unable to afford them.

That is just one of the many problems I have with the jolly old soul. If it were true, that this man flies around the world, breaking into people’s home and leaving gifts, then why wouldn’t the poor children of the world also receive such bounty?

Yes, I know it’s good PR moves to raise money

and toys for the less fortunate children, but then meeting their basic needs are almost forgotten or mocked the rest of the year.

It also makes me very glad that I don’t have children, because I would be one of the moms that didn’t perpetuate the whole myth. And that whole keep the “magic” alive argument is just so overdone. Besides, what magic are we supposed to be celebrating? The joy of consumerism? Decking the halls with piles of junk? Condoning the practice of a strange, older man watching us when we’re sleeping and when we’re awake? Breaking and entering through the chimney with care? Being forced to sit on a stranger’s lap?

The real St. Nicholas actually did good things for people like saving three sisters from being sold into slavery or prostitution, which is far more magical, in my humble opinion.

I know I’m in the minority here, but year after year, I’ve become so aware of the frivolity of it all. The pressure to buy everyone in your life some fabulous gift. The pressure to be all “holly jolly.” The pressure to perpetuate the lie about Santa Claus or a flock of suburban partridges in pear trees will come for you.

Shockingly though, there are some parts of this particular holiday I do enjoy, like watching my dad make his signature egg nog every year and sipping it while George Bailey contemplates his entire existence in “It’s a Wonderful Life,” laughing every time sandwiches are mentioned in “Bad Santa,” and listening to my nephew recite the dialogue from the “Home Alone” films.

The film “Krampus” has also made its way into my rotation, because I do so love the darker side of things.

Maybe I would be more into the holidays if I saw events like “Pictures with Krampus” advertised or if the naughty really did receive lumps of coal instead of some shiny new toy.

This year, especially, the greatest gift of all is my dad’s health. Watching him go through the whole ordeal of the removal of mouth cancer, learning how to talk and move his mouth again, going through 30 rounds of radiation to the face, and finally getting his strength back, has been one of the most overwhelming events I’ve ever dealt with.

In one scene in “Home Alone,” Kevin visits some man dressed as Santa Claus and he says, “Would you please tell him (the ‘real’ Santa) that instead of presents this year, I just want my family back.”

After the last six months, it does feel like I have my daddy back, and, for me, that is the most magical thing.

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• HISTORY

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judge, a resident of Bay St. Louis, and a member of the BWYC.

The club flourished after its birth in 1896. The well-attended regattas and grand social events had boosted yachting activities as well as increased the membership. In 1901, BWYC had close to six hundred members, which was the limit, and dues were six dollars

per year. During the early years, a large portion of the membership were also members of the Southern Yacht Club (SYC) because of the large number of New Orleanians who had summer residences in the Bay Waveland area. Many of these men served as commodores, vice-commodores, or committeemen of both clubs.

In 1915, a severe hurricane ravaged the Gulf Coast from Pass Christian to Morgan City, Louisiana. It was one of the largest storms reported up to that date

to hit Bay St. Louis. There was major destruction on the Mississippi Gulf Coast, and the BWYC and the Biloxi Yacht Club were destroyed as well as many other buildings. With no club house and no dues collected, inactivity set in. The organization remained inactive until November 1920. Only a few active sailors participated in the sport of sailing. In a forthcoming column, the rest of the story of the BWYC will be continued.

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CHARLES KEELER “CHARLIE” “MR. FORD” HENDERSON

Charles Keeler “Charlie” “Mr. Ford” Henderson, Age 81, of Long Beach, Mississippi, passed away on Wednesday, November 22, 2023, from natural causes at Gulfport Memorial Hospital.

Charlie, a successful Ford dealer and businessman, loved his family, friends and spending time outdoors. He enjoyed people and his warm demeanor and inclusiveness were welcoming to all who met him; he never met a stranger. The open and sincere nature of his personality resulted in many close and lifelong friendships.

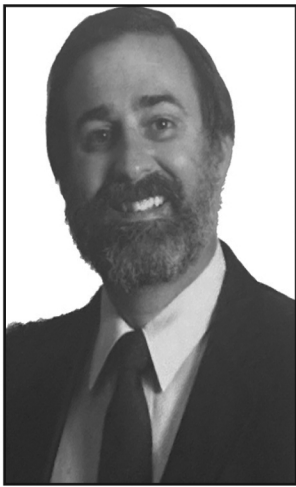
Charlie was preceded in death by his wife of 55 years, Diane Burns Henderson, and by his parents, Mr. James William Henderson, Jr., and Elizabeth Keeler Henderson. He is survived by two brothers, James William Henderson, III (Mary) of Cleveland, MS, and Reverend Robert Bobo Henderson (Charlotte) of Apex, NC; three sons: Dr. Charles A. Henderson (Juliana) of Hattiesburg, John E. Henderson (Janet) of League City, TX, and Joseph B. Henderson (Jennifer) of Pass Christian; nine grandchildren: Rachel Henderson, Tyler Henderson, John Henderson, Jr., James Henderson, Julie D Henderson, Jonah Seymour, Jacob Henderson, Jaden Henderson and Julia Henderson; and two great-grandchildren: Adley Henderson and Bowen Seymour.

Charlie was born July 23, 1942, in Clarksdale, MS. He often worked on the family farm and developed an interest in

the automobile industry while spending time at his grandfather’s Buick dealership. After graduating from Clarksdale High School, Charlie attended Mississippi State University on a football scholarship and was a member of the Kappa Sigma Fraternity. He was introduced to his future wife, Diane Dee Burns of Gulfport, while visiting his cousin. The two fell in love and were married July 15, 1962.

Deciding to pursue his passion for the automotive industry, Charlie transferred to General Motors Institute (GMI – now known as Kettering University) and the couple moved to Flint, Michigan. Charlie graduated from GMI with a degree in Mechanical Engineering and received the outstanding student award. All three sons were born in Flint. Upon graduation, Charlie worked in large car dealerships in Flint, Michigan, and in Boston, Massachusetts, before returning to Mississippi to open Charlie Henderson Ford in Bay St. Louis in 1972.

At the age of 29, he was the youngest independent Ford dealer in the United States. On February 16, 2022, Henderson Ford celebrated its 50th anniversary, a feat accomplished by only a small percentage of family-owned car dealerships. Charlie also founded Atlantic Marine Brokers and was an early dealer of Sea Cat Boats. The Sea Cat brand was transformed into World Cat Boats, and Charlie was recognized as the top World Cat dealer in the nation. Years after selling the boat business and retiring, Charlie decided to reinvigorate the Sea Cat brand. In 2015,

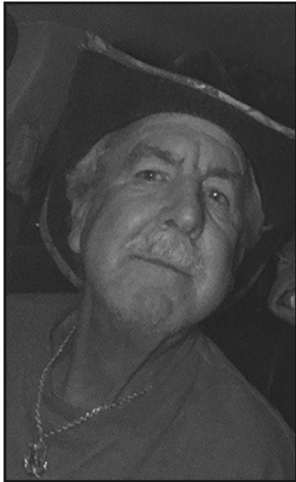


he organized a group of marine industry experts and investors to begin designing, building and selling Sea Cat Boats. Charlie was Manager, Chairman of the Board, and remained active in Sea Cat management until only recently. Charlie loved life and was fond of any activity that allowed him to spend time with family and friends. He especially enjoyed collecting and shooting guns, hunting, boating, saltwater fishing, racing cars, and watching sports. He was a member of the National Automobile Dealers Association (NADA), Mississippi Auto Dealers Association (MADA), Southern Quality Ford’s Dealer Advertising Association, Rotary Club of

Bay St Louis, CCA (Coastal Conservation Association) of MS, The South MS Gun Owners Association, Great Southern Club, and yacht clubs of Pass Christian and Gulfport.

A visitation will be held at Riemann Family Funeral Home at 19130 Commission Road in Long Beach, Mississippi, on Saturday, December 16 from 2-4 PM.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks for donations to the Coastal Conservation Association of MS.



MS. Edmond Fahey Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of James M. Jobert, Sr.

JAMES M. JOBERT, SR.

James M. Jobert, Sr., 70, of Bay St. Louis, MS, passed away Monday, December 4, 2023.

He was born August 15, 1953, to Frank L. Jobert, Sr. and Shirley Solis Jobert. James retired from the Hancock County Road Department and enjoyed fishing, hunting, and spending time outdoors. He loved spending time with his family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Denise M. Jobert; and son, James “Jimmy”

Melvin Jobert, Jr.

James is survived by his daughter, Dawn Jobert Williams (Steve); granddaughter, Amelia R. Williams; brothers, Frank L. Jobert, Jr. (Debbie) and Rodney H. Jobert (Shauna). Also, numerous nieces and nephews

Visitation will be 10:00am Saturday, December 9, 2023, at Edmond-Fahey Funeral Home, 110 S. Necaize Ave, Bay St Louis, MS until funeral service at 12:00pm. Burial will follow at Lakeshore Cemetery, Lakeshore,

RAYANA “MIKKI” LARSEN

Funeral services for Rayana Michelle “Mikki” Larsen were held on Monday, December 4, 2023 at 1:00 pm from the Colonial Chapel Funeral Home in Raleigh. Burial followed in Bezer Cemetery.

Mikki was born Friday, October 5, 1962 at the Baptist Hospital in Jackson. Her formative years were spent in Opelousas, LA, where she attended school. A longtime resident of the Mississippi Gulf Coast, Mikki was a Harley Davidson enthusiast and

enjoyed spending time with her family, especially her two grandchildren. She was a resident of Diamondhead. Mikki passed away Wednesday, November 29, 2023 at her residence at the age of 61.

She was preceded in death by her father, Johnnie Jones, and her maternal grandmother, Beatrice Hankins Lumpkin.

Survivors include her two sons, Seth Stephenson (Amanda) and Dylan Stephenson, all of Pass Christian; her mother, Dorothy Chisholm Pecoul of

Brandon; one grandson, Kyler Stephenson; one granddaughter, Amity Stephenson; one brother, Andrew Guillory of Brandon; one uncle, Gary Chisholm of Raleigh and several cousins.

Visitation was Monday one hour prior to the funeral service.

Colonial Chapel Funeral Home of Raleigh, 219 Sylvarena Ave., Raleigh, MS 39153, was in charge of arrangements.

An online guestbook may be signed at www.colonialchapelbay-springs.com.

Kiln man jailed for assault after shooting

ECHO STAFF

A Kiln man was arrested Sunday for allegedly shooting another man while arguing with him over a dog.

Hancock deputies charged James Edward Brashier, 41, with one count of aggravated assault: manifesting extreme indifference to



James Brashier

human life.

Brashier was transported to the Hancock County Jail, where he remained at press time on Tuesday in lieu of a \$250,000 bond.

An initial hearing in the matter has been scheduled in Hancock Justice Court on Jan. 9.

Bay woman pleads guilty in fentanyl conspiracy

ECHO STAFF

A Bay St. Louis woman pled guilty last week to conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute 50 dosage units of pills containing fentanyl.

Emma Kate Stoute, 18, pled guilty in U.S. District Court in Gulfport on Nov. 27.

According to court documents, on Aug. 29, the Hancock County Sheriff’s Office and the Drug Enforcement Administration followed up on a written complaint that alleged there was drug trafficking activity occurring at the Motel 6 in Bay St. Louis.

Agents conducted surveillance on the motel and narrowed down the suspected parties and rooms. During surveillance, agents observed a red Toyota Camry arrive at the hotel to pick up two of the individuals suspected of selling drugs. Once the

vehicle departed, agents conducted rolling surveillance of the vehicle and observed the occupants of the vehicle participate in what appeared to be a drug transaction in Louisiana. After the transaction, agents followed the vehicle back into Mississippi and conducted a traffic stop. Stoute was identified as one of the occupants of the vehicle. She was in possession of 50 dosage units of pills containing fentanyl.

A subsequent search of her cellular device yielded messages confirming that Stoute was trafficking fentanyl pills in the Southern District of Mississippi.

Christopher Antonio Fricke, Kolby Zu Simms and Dakari Lamont Sykes, all of Bay St. Louis, and San-

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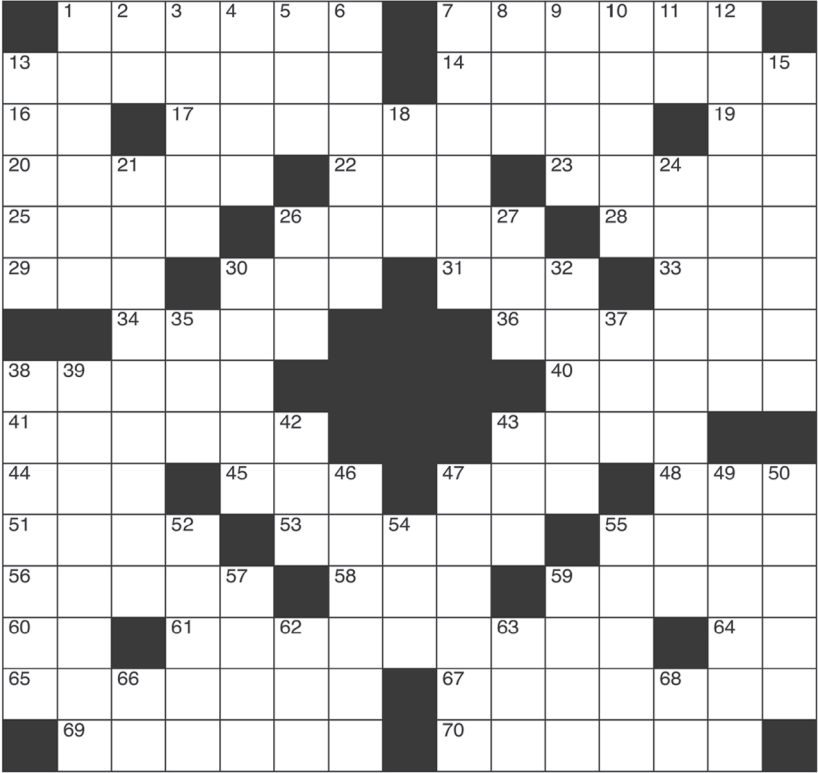
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1. Spiritual leaders

7. Salt

13. Fortified wine

14. Edible mollusk

16. It begins with them

17. A way to compare

19. Governmentt lawyer

20. Back parts

22. 8th month (abbr.)

23. Very willing

25. __ ex machina

26. Satisfies

28. Quebec river

29. A doctrine

30. Popular pickup truck

31. Dekagram

33. Naturally occurring solid material

34. Company officer

36. Villains

38. Cricket frogs
40. German founder of psychology

41. Endured

43. A female domestic

44. A “place” to avoid

45. Cigarette (slang)

47. Canadian politician Josephine

48. French ballet/acting dynasty

51. Employee stock ownership plan

53. Belonging to the bottom

55. Sound

56. Yankees’ slugger Judge

58. Dickens character

59. More wise

60. Flash memory card

61. Exposing human vice or folly to ridicule

64. Atomic #79

65. Longtime Braves pitcher Julio

67. Humor

69. Shawl

70. Preliminary assessment of patients

CLUES DOWN

1. Animal disease

2. Commercial

3. Craft supply

4. Storage units

5. Investment vehicle

6. Colorado Heisman winner

7. In a way, sank

8. Post-birth brain damage (abbr.)

9. Lay about

10. Intestinal

11. The opposite of yes

12. Caused to be loved

13. Messianic in Islamic eschatology

15. Showing since conviction

18. Not safe

21. The number above the line in a fraction

24. Yard invader

26. Pouch

27. Swedish krona

30. Start anew
32. While white or yellow flower

35. Fourteen

37. Graphical user interface

38. Up-to-date on the news

39. Campaigns

42. Touch softly

43. “Boardwalk Empire” actress Gretchen

46. Violent seizure of property

47. One who supports the Pope

49. Anxiety

50. Body fluid

52. Phony person

54. Title of respect

55. Chilean city

57. City in central Japan

59. Silk garment

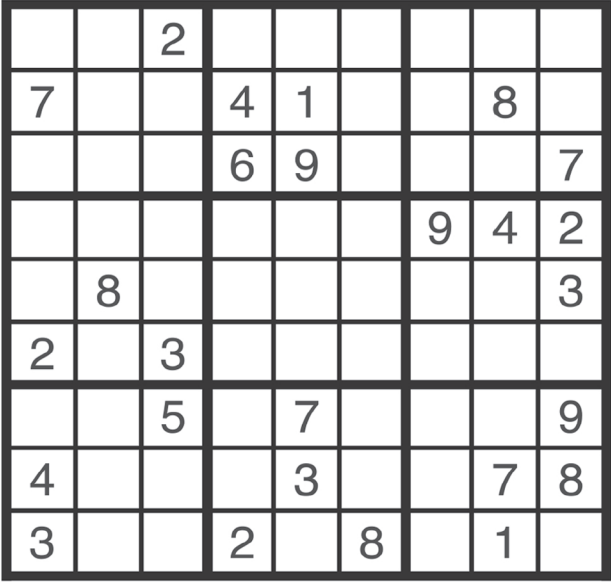
62. Draw from

63. Automobile

66. Man

68. Legal bigwig (abbr.)

SUDOKU SCRAMBLE



Level: Intermediate

TRIVIA QUESTIONS:

1. How many ghosts show up in A Christmas Carol?

2. Where was baby Jesus born?

3. The movie Miracle on 34th Street is based on a real-life department store. What is it?

4. What are the two other most popular names for Santa Claus?

5. Elvis isn't going to have a white Christmas he's going to have a....

6. What do people traditionally put on top of a Christmas tree?

7. In Home Alone, where are the McCallisters going on vacation when they leave Kevin behind?

HOLIDAY BAKING WORD SEARCH



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- CHOCOLATE
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- CREAM
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- PASTRY
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- RECIPE
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TRIVIA ANSWERS:

1. Four

2. In Bethlehem

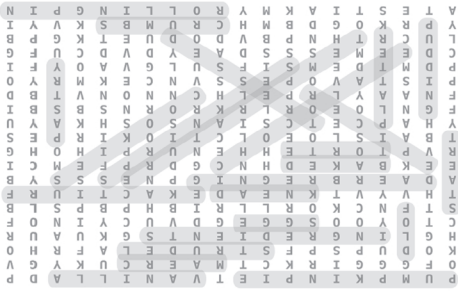
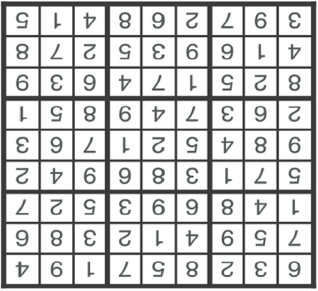
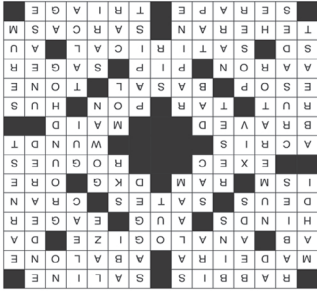
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4. Kris Kringle and Saint Nick

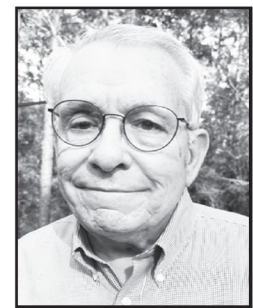
5. Blue Christmas

6. An angel

7. Paris



Devotional Page



C. Gerald Richardson, D. MIN.

December 7, 1941 was described by President Franklin Roosevelt as “A day that will live in infamy”. It might also be remembered as a day that totally changed the trajectory of American history, and perhaps that of human history. It was before I was born. My parents were newlyweds try-

ing to figure out the next phase of their lives. They were visiting extended family in Southern Louisiana when the news came over the radio that Pearl Harbor had been attacked by Japanese bombers. Many had been killed. Many more were injured. Great physical destruction of property and ships had been the result of the attack. In later years I remember my mother saying that they knew at once that their lives were about to undergo dramatic change. That certainly was the case.

In a short time, my father was in the Marine Corps in southern California training for overseas deployment to a theater of war. Eventually, he was sent to the Pacific Islands where he was engaged

in various battles including one in which he was seriously wounded. When he was stable enough for transport, he was placed on a hospital ship bound for San Diego. While they were at sea the hospital ship was attacked by Japanese bombers, and again he almost died.

My father did survive that war, but his life was changed in dramatic ways. Although he recovered from his physical injuries, he never really recovered from the emotional scars. My birth came shortly after the war. Growing up I was aware of his military experience in general terms, but he was always reluctant to speak about it with much specific information.

I am aware that many fam-

ilies came away from that war bearing scars. Some of them also came away having to carry the grief of the loss of husbands, sons, and friends. It is true that World War II is a point of demarcation in our history. My parents always spoke of events in the past in terms of “before the war” and “after the war”.

Since 1945 we have thankfully not faced another war of the magnitude of WWII, but we have found our country engaged in various conflicts across the years. In each of these there have been losses, grief, and long-term suffering.

We are thankful for the men (and increasingly, women) who have served our country in important and heroic ways. Hopefully, we are also mind-

ful of the great need to always look for peaceful means of solving international differences. President Dwight Eisenhower, who himself was a hero of WWII, cautioned us not to allow the “military-industrial complex” to become the primary influence in global politics. There is a folk saying that “When the only tool you have is a hammer, everything looks like a nail.” Sadly, we have too often ignored the advice of President Eisenhower, and we have too often entered into wars and military conflicts when other approaches could be found.

My prayer on this “Pearl Harbor Day” is two-fold. It is a prayer of gratitude for our nation and its people. It is also a prayer for peace.

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Pastor: Rev. T. Manuel
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Service: 11:00 a.m.

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This position requires a bachelors degree in a social services or related field. Experience with the CASA organization, case management, or social services is preferred. Experience may be substituted for education. Experience in the following areas will be given preference: training, volunteer supervision and management, child abuse, and foster care.

Skills necessary for success in this position include interpersonal, organizational, supervisory, written and oral communication, conflict resolution, problem solving, leadership, and computer/technology. Awareness of community resources available to foster children and knowledge about current foster care, child abuse, and child advocacy issues is also needed. An Advocate Supervisor should be energetic, self-motivated, flexible, goal oriented, creative, and resourceful. Most importantly, they should have a sense of mission for childrens issues.

The Advocate Supervisor is under the supervision of the Program Director and is responsible for achieving quality advocacy through advocate volunteer screening, training, supervision, retention, and program activities.

The Advocate Supervisor position is a minimum of 40 hours per week. The position requires some evening and weekend work assignments.

Interested parties should submit a cover letter and resume by Friday, December 8, 2023, to the individual below:

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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF CLARENCE JOSEPH ARCEMENT, JR., DECEASED

BY: PATRICIA ANN ARCEMENT SMITH, Petitioner

NO. C23CH1-23-cv-381 JS

SUMMONS

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

TO: ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS-AT-LAW OF CLARENCE JOSEPH ARCEMENT, JR., DECEASED, WHOSE NAMES, POST OFFICE ADDRESSES AND STREET ADDRESSES ARE UNKNOWN AFTER DILIGENT SEARCH AND INQUIRY TO THE SAME.

You have been made a defendant in a suit filed in this Court by PATRICIA ANN ARCEMENT SMITH, Petitioner, seeking determination of heirs of CLARENCE JOSEPH ARCEMENT, JR, Deceased.

You are summoned to appear and defend against the Petition filed against you in this action at 9:30 a.m., on the 9th day of January 2024, in a courtroom of the Hancock County Chancery Court, 152 Main Street, Bay St. Louis, Mississippi 39520, and in case of your failure to appear and defend, a judgment will be entered against you for the money or other things demanded in the Petition.

You are not required to file an answer or other pleading, but you may do so if you desire.

ISSUED under my hand and seal of said Court, this the 15TH day of November, 2023.

TIMOTHY A. KELLAR, CHANCERY CLERK

BY: Ashley Holland, D.C.

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Book 2023, Page 19708, prior to the posting and publication of this notice; and WHEREAS, default having been made in the terms and conditions of the deed of trust, and the entire debt secured thereby having been declared to be due and payable in accordance with the terms of the deed of trust, and the legal holder of said indebtedness, CMG Mortgage, Inc., has requested the undersigned Substitute Trustee to execute the trust and sell said land, property and improvements in accordance with the terms of the deed of trust for the purpose of raising the sums due thereunder, together with attorney's fees, Substitute Trustees fees and expenses of sale;

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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN RE THE ESTATE OF:

FRANK BENEDICT ALACK, DECEASED

CAUSE NO.: 23CH1:19-cv-128-JP(1)

DAVID J. HALPERN, Administrator with Will Annexed

SUMMONS (Rule 81)

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

TO: LINDA FRANCIS ALACK OPOTOWSKY, whose last known address is 4116 James Drive, Metairie, LA 70003, you have been made Respondent in the referenced cause filed in this Court by the Administrator herein, seeking to approve the final accounting, to authorize final distribution of assets of the estate, and to discharge the Administrator.

You are summoned to appear and defend against the Petition filed herein at 9:00 oclock a.m. on the 10th day of January, 2024, in the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Gulfport, Mississippi, and in case of your failure to appear and defend a judgment will be entered for the relief or other things requested in the Petition.

You are not required to file an answer or other pleading but may do so if you desire.

ISSUED under my hand and seal of Court, this 1st day of December, 2023.

TIM KELLAR, Chancery Clerk Hancock County Mississippi Post Office Box 429 Bay St. Louis, MS 39521

By: s/Bridgette Ladner DEPUTY CLERK

PUBLISH ON: 12/07/2023; 12/14/2023; and 12/21/2023

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF GREGORY LYNN HAZELWOOD (DECEASED)

CAUSE NO.23CH1:23-cv-455-CB

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATOR

TO THE CREDITORS OF GREGORY LYNN HAZELWOOD A/K/A GREGORY HAZELWOOD A/K/A GREG HAZELWOOD:

Letters of Administration having been granted on 2nd day of November, 2023, by the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi, in Cause No. 23CH1:23-cv-455-CB to the undersigned upon the Estate of GREGORY LYNN HAZELWOOD, deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to present same to the Clerk of said Court for probate and registration according to law within ninety (90) days after the first publication of this notice on November 30, 2023, or the claims will ever be barred.

THIS, the 8th day of November, 2023.

JESSIE ALLEN SCHESSER

Publish: November 30, December 7 and December 14, 2023

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF GREGORY LYNN HAZELWOOD (DECEASED) CAUSE NO.23CH1:23-cv-455-CB

JESSIE SCHESSER, PLAINTIFF VERSUS UNKNOWN HEIRS-AT-LAW OF GREGORY LYNN HAZELWOOD (DECEASED), DEFENDANTS

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

TO: The Unknown Heirs-at-Law of Gregory Lynn Hazelwood (Deceased), if they be living and not to be found therein after diligent search and inquiry and whose places of residence, post office and street and house addresses are unknown after diligent street search and inquiry to ascertain the same; and if dead, their unknown devisees, executors, administrators or legal representatives are not to be found after diligent search and inquiry and whose places of residence, post office and street and house addresses are unknown after diligent street search and inquiry to ascertain the same

You have been made Defendants in the lawsuit filed in the Court by Plaintiff, Jessie Schesser, in his Petition for Determination of Heirship seeking to have the Court establish the heirs-at-law of Gregory Lynn Hazelwood (Deceased) and seeking to adjudicate THAT the sole and only heir-at-law of Gregory Lynn Hazelwood is his son, Jessie Schesser.

IF TO BE FOUND IN THIS COUNTY, to be and appear before the Honorable Carter Bise of the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi, to be held at the Courthouse thereof on the 16th day of January, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. in Gulfport, Mississippi, next, then and there to show cause, if any they can, why Jessie Schesser should not be declared to be the sole heirs-at-law of Gregory Lynn Hazelwood (Deceased), according to law.

YOU ARE SUMMONED TO APPEAR and defend against the Petition filed against you in this action on the date and time as set forth herein above before the Honorable Carter Bise in

the Chancery Court of Hancock County, in Gulfport, Mississippi; and in case of your failure to appear and defend, a judgment will be entered against you for the relief demanded in the petition.

You are not required to file an answer or other pleading but you may do so if you desire.

ISSUED under my hand and seal of said Court, this 17th day of November, 2023.

TIMOTHY A. KELLAR, CHANCERY CLERK

By: Cassie Tribble, D.C.

Publish: November 30, December 7 and December 14, 2023

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI YOUTH COURT DIVISION

HANCOCK COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF MISSISSIPPI CHILD PROTECTION SERVICES, BY ANDREA A. SANDERS, AND JACOB PATRICK MOWRY AND ARIANA AMELIA SETTLE, MINORS, BY AND THROUGH THEIR NEXT FRIEND, ANDREA A. SANDERS

PETITIONERS

VS. CIVIL ACTION NO. CC23-0009T

MELINDA SUE SETTLE, JUSTIN BRYANT WALKER, PATRICK MOWRY

AND UNKNOWN PUTATIVE FATHER

RESPONDENTS

COUNTY COURT SUMMONS

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

TO: Patrick Mowry and Unknown Putative Father, who are not to be found in the State of Mississippi on diligent inquiry and whose last post office address is unknown after diligent search and inquiry by the Petitioners.

Justin Bryant Walker is an adult resident of the State of Florida who is last known and believed to reside at 2020 Wells Rd., Apt 26J, Orange Park, Florida 32073 after diligent search and inquiry by the Petitioners.

You have been made a Respondent in the suit filed in this Court by the Hancock County Department of Child Protection Services by Andrea A. Sanders, Commissioner of the Department of MDCPS, and, Jacob Patrick Mowry and Ariana Amelia Settle, minors, seeking to terminate your parental rights as those rights relate to said minors and demanding that the full custody, control and authority to act on behalf of said minors be placed with the Hancock County Department of Child Protection Services.

YOU ARE SUMMONED TO APPEAR AND DEFEND AGAINST THE AMENDED PETITION FILED AGAINST YOU IN THIS ACTION AT 9:00 a.m ON THE 12TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2024 IN THE COURTROOM OF THE HANCOCK COUNTY COURTHOUSE AT 152 MAIN STREET, BAY ST. LOUIS, MISSISSIPPI, AND IN CASE OF YOUR FAILURE TO APPEAR AND DEFEND, A JUDGMENT WILL BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU FOR THE RELIEF DEMANDED IN THE AMENDED PETITION; INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS.

You are not required to file an answer or other pleading, but you may do so if you desire.

ISSUED under my hand and seal of said Court, this 8 day of Nov, 2024.

KENDRA NECAISE, CLERK HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI BAY ST. LOUIS, MISSISSIPPI 39520

BY: VALERIE L LADNER D.C. Deputy Clerk

Lanie Roussel, MSB#105488 Office of the Attorney General 1141 Bayview Ave., Suite 402 Biloxi, MS 39530 Email: Lanie.Roussel@ago.ms.gov

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI COUNTY OF HANCOCK

TRUSTEES NOTICE OF SALE

WHEREAS, Jeffery Calamia and Jennifer Oddo executed and delivered a Promissory Note (Note) in favor of Admiral Isles, LLC, in the principle amount of SIXTY-THREE THOUSAND AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$63,000.00) on the 19th day of November, 2020; and

WHEREAS, in order to secure said Note, Jeffery Calamia and Jennifer Oddo, executed and delivered a Deed of Trust to Michael J. Casano, as Trustee for Admiral Isles, LLC, said Deed of Trust being dated November 19, 2020, and recorded on December 2, 2020 in Deed of Trust Book 2020 at Page 31487 in the Office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, Admiral Isles, LLC is currently the holder of said Promissory Note and Deed of Trust; and

WHEREAS, said Mortgagor has defaulted in the terms of said Deed of Trust by failing to make the payments therein as specified and failing to pay the interest thereon, and under the terms of said Deed of Trust, said indebtedness is declared due and payable; and

WHEREAS, Admiral Isles, LLC has demanded that the same be foreclosed in the manner provided therein so as to satisfy the indebtedness thereby secured; and

WHEREAS, said Deed of Trust provides that the Holder thereof may foreclose the Deed of Trust in accordance with applicable state law.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Michael J. Casano of Casano Law Firm, P.A., Trustee, as aforesaid, will, on the 10th day of January, 2024, offer for sale and sell during the legal hours (between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.) at the front door of the Courthouse of Hancock County, Mississippi, located at Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, at public outcry, to the highest bidder for cash, the following described property, together with the appurtenances and improvements thereunto belonging, or in any wise appertaining, lying and being situated in Hancock County, State of Mississippi, and being more particularly described as follows, to-wit:

Lots 59, 60, 61, and 62, Admiral Isles, Phase 1, according to the official map or plat thereof on file and of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi.

Also known by street and number: Lots 59-62, Admiral Isles, Bay St. Louis, MS 39520

Title to said property is believed to be good, but I convey only such title as is vested in me as Trustee.

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, on this 7th day of December, 2023.

s/Michael J. Casano, Trustee

Prepared by:

Michael J. Casano, Esq. The Casano Law Firm, P.A. 4403 West Aloha Drive Diamondhead, Mississippi 39525 Telephone: (228) 255-0035 Facsimile: (228) 255-0078

Publish Three (3) Times: December 7, 2023, December 14, 2023, and December 21, 2023

SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES NOTICE OF SALE

WHEREAS, on April 29, 2005, John D Scazzafavo Jr, married Anne Scazzafavo, married executed a deed of trust for the benefit of JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., which deed of trust was recorded on May 10, 2005, in Book 2005, Page 881 in and re-recorded in Book 2013, Page 1361 in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi; and Said Deed of Trust was last sold, assigned and transferred to US Bank Trust National Association, Not In Its Individual Capacity But Solely As Owner Trustee For VRMTG Asset Trust by assignment recorded Book 2022, Page 10867 in the office of the Chancery Clerk, Hancock County, Mississippi. WHEREAS, the holder of the deed of trust at the time of the substitution substituted McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC as Trustee, as authorized by the terms thereof, by instrument recorded on November 14, 2023, and spread at large upon the records in the office of the aforesaid Chancery Clerk in Book 2023, Page 24519, prior to the posting and publication of this notice; and

WHEREAS, default having been made in the terms and conditions of the deed of trust, and the entire debt secured thereby having been declared to be due and payable in accordance with the terms of the deed of trust, and the legal holder of said indebtedness, US Bank Trust National Association, Not In Its Individual Capacity But Solely As Owner Trustee For VRMTG Asset Trust has requested the undersigned Substitute Trustee to execute the trust and sell said land, property and improvements in accordance with the terms of the deed of trust for the purpose of raising the sums due thereunder, together with attorney's fees, Substitute Trustees fees and expenses of sale;

THEREFORE, on December 21, 2023, the undersigned Substitute Trustee in the deed of trust, will offer for sale at public outcry and sell to the highest bidder for cash, within legal hours (being between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.) at the front door of the Hancock County Courthouse in Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, the following described land, property and improvements lying and being situate in Hancock County, Mississippi, to-wit:

Commencing at the SE corner of the NE 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of Section 23, Township 8 South, Range 16 West, Hancock County, Mississippi, said point being a fence post; thence North 00 degrees 35 minutes 07 seconds East along said fence line 379.38 feet to a point, said point being a fence post; thence North 88 degrees 59 minutes 13 seconds West along a fence line 674.72 feet to a point; thence North 00 degrees 12 minutes 45 seconds East 243.66 feet to a 1/2 inch pipe; thence North 88 degrees 24 minutes 48 seconds West 479.03 feet to a 3/4 inch pipe, said point being the Point of Beginning; thence North 88 degrees 45 minutes 06 seconds West 182.43 feet to a 3/8 inch iron; thence North 00 degrees 00 minutes 42 seconds West 658.18 feet to a 1 1/2 inch pipe, said point being on the South margin of Highway 43; thence North 89 degrees 42 minutes 49 seconds East along the South margin of said Highway 43, 175.19 feet to a point; thence South 00 degrees 37 minutes 59 seconds East 663.07 feet to the Point of Beginning, containing 2.7 acres of land, more or less.

INDEXING: PART OF THE NE 1/4 OF THE NW 1/4 OF SECTION 23, TOWNSHIP 6 SOUTH, RANGE 16 WEST, HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI.

I WILL CONVEY only such title as is vested in the Substitute Trustee.

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, this the 15th day of November, 2023

/s-/ Robert M. Peebles, III McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC Substitute Trustee 1022 Highland Colony Parkway, Suite 304 Ridgeland, MS 39157-2049 (662) 388-5464 Foreclosurehotline.net

File No.: 23-02626MS

PUBLISH: 11/30/2023, 12/07/2023, 12/14/2023

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI WILLIAM H. MULLINS, JR.

AND TERRI ANN MULLINS, PLAINTIFFS VERSUS WILLIAM STECHMANN, as an individual, if living, if deceased, then his unknown heirs at law, devisees and/or legatees; THE CORT C. PHILLIPS IRREVOCABLE TRUST, TERRY A. PHILLIPS AND INGER PHILLIPS AS TRUSTEES; and any other persons, individuals, partnerships, firms, and/or corporations having or claiming any legal or equitable interest in and to certain real property described as Parcel Number 133D-0-06-095.000; LOTS 13 & 14, BLOCK 6, JOURDAN RIVER OAKS SUBDIVISION, HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI, DEFENDANTS; CIVIL ACTION NO. 23CH1:23-cv-583-CB.

SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION TO: WILLIAM STECHMANN, AS AN INDIVIDUAL, IF LIVING, IF DECEASED, THEN HIS UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW, DEVISEES AND/OR LEGATEES; THE CORT C. PHILLIPS IRREVOCABLE TRUST, TERRY A. PHILLIPS AND INGER PHILLIPS AS TRUSTEES

NOTICE: You have been made Defendants in the suit filed in this Court by William H. Mullins, Jr., and Terri Ann Mullins, Plaintiffs, seeking to Quiet and Confirm Title. Suit filed as listed above. After a diligent search and inquiry of public records the defendant herein is made a party by this publication of notice as set forth under MS Rule of Civil Procedures 4(c)(4). If you have a legal or equitable claim or interest in or to this property, you are required to mail or hand deliver a written response to the Complaint filed against you in this action to: Eugene J. Hoffman, IV, Attorney for Plaintiff, whose street address is 311 E. Second Street, Pass Christian, Mississippi 39571. Your response must be mailed or delivered not later than Thirty (30) Days after the 23rd day of November, 2023, which is the first date of the publication of this Summons. OTHERWISE, YOUR RESPONSE HAS NOT BEEN SO MAILED OR DELIVERED, A JUDGMENT BY DEFAULT HAS BEEN ENTERED AGAINST YOU FOR THE RELIEF DEMANDED IN THE COMPLAINT. You must also file the original of your Response with the Clerk of this Court within a reasonable time afterward. The address of the Clerk is 152 Main Street, Bay St. Louis, Mississippi 39520. (Seal) Hon. Timothy Kellar, Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, MS; Dated: 11/20/2023 By: Bridgette Ladner Eugene J. Hoffman, IV, Esq., MS Bar # 104994 311 E. Second Street, Pass Christian, Mississippi 39571; Tel. 228-323-3330 Dates of Publication: 1) 11/23/2023 2) 11/30/2023 3) 12/7/2023

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:

JUDITH ANN COOKSEY, DECEASED

CAUSE NO. 23CH1:23-cv-548-CB

STEVEN WAYNE COOKSEY, ADMINISTRATOR

SUMMONS

TO: THE KNOWN AND UNKNOWN HEIRS-AT-LAW OF JUDITH ANN COOKSEY, DECEASED:

You have been made parties respondent in the above cause, filed in the Court by STEVEN WAYNE COOKSEY, seeking to establish the heirs-at-law of JUDITH ANN COOKSEY, deceased.

You are summoned to appear and defend against the Petition filed herein at 9:00 o'clock a.m. on the 10th day of January, 2024, in the Chancery Court of Hancock County, in Biloxi, Mississippi, and in case of your failure to appear and defend a judgment will be entered against you for the money or other things demanded in the Petition.

You are not required to file an answer or other pleading but may do so if you desire.

ISSUED under my hand and seal of Court, this 14th day of November, 2023.

TIM KELLAR, Chancery Clerk Hancock County Mississippi Post Office Box 429 Bay St. Louis, MS 39521

By: s/Cassie Tribble

DEPUTY CLERK

PUBLISH ON: 11/30/2023; 12/07/2023; and 12/14/2023.

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: JUDITH ANN COOKSEY, DECEASED

CAUSE NO. 23CH1:23-cv-548-CB

STEVEN WAYNE COOKSEY, ADMINISTRATOR

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that Letters of Administration were granted to the undersigned as Administratrix of the Estate of JUDITH ANN COOKSEY, de-

ceased, by the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi, on or about the 1st day of November, 2023, in the above styled and numbered cause, in said Court; and notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate to have the same probated and registered by the Clerk of the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi within ninety (90) days from the date of first publication hereof, and that failure to probate and register any such claim within said ninety (90) day period will forever bar the same.

THIS, the this the 15th day of November, 2023.

s/Steven Wayne Cooksey

STEVEN WAYNE COOKSEY, Administrator

Preston J. Maufray (MSB #101131) Attorney at Law, PLLC P.O. Box 4272 Bay St. Louis, Mississippi 39521 Telephone: (228) 216-6124 Facsimile: (866) 216-6124

PUBLISH ON: 11/23/2023; 11/30/2023; and 12/07/2023.

SUBSTITUTED TRUSTEES NOTICE OF SALE

WHEREAS, on March 25, 2022, L & F Homes and Development, LLC executed a Deed of Trust to Michael A. King, Trustee for the benefit of Trustmark National Bank, which is recorded in Book 2022 at Page 9641 in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, Underwood Law Firm PLLC has been substituted as Trustee under the Deed of Trust; and

WHEREAS, default has been made in the terms and conditions of the Deed of Trust and the entire debt secured thereby has been declared due and payable in accordance with the terms of the Deed of Trust, and the legal holder of the indebtedness secured thereby, Trustmark National Bank, has requested the undersigned Substituted Trustee to execute the trust and sell the property in accordance with the terms of the Deed of Trust for the purpose of raising the sums due thereunder together with attorneys fees, Substituted Trustees fees, and expense of sale.

NOW, THEREFORE, Underwood Law Firm PLLC, as Substituted Trustee under the Deed of Trust, will on January 4, 2024, offer for sale at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash within legal hours (between 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.) at the front door of the Hancock County Courthouse in Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, the following described property together with all improvements thereon situated in Hancock County, Mississippi:

Lot Twenty (20), Beaux Vue Subdivision, Phase 2, a subdivision according to the official map or plat thereof on file and of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of the Hancock County, Mississippi, in Plat Book B at Slide 249, reference to which is hereby made in aid of and as a part of this description.

UNDERWOOD LAW FIRM PLLC will convey only such title as is vested in it as Substituted Trustee.

WITNESS OUR SIGNATURE, this the 1st day of December, 2023.

/s/ Andrew R. Wilson

Andrew R. Wilson (Miss. Bar #102862) UNDERWOOD LAW FIRM PLLC P.O. Box 1874 Madison, MS 39130 Phone: (601) 981-7773 File No. 23110454 PUBLISH: Sea Coast Echo (12/07/2023, 12/14/2023, 12/21/2023, 12/28/2023)

SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEES NOTICE OF SALE

WHEREAS, on June 4, 2021, Pip's Properties, LLC, Maureen Pippenger executed a Deed of Trust for the benefit of Velocity Commercial Capital, LLC, which deed of trust was recorded on June 14, 2021, in Book 2021 at Page 19812 in the Office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi; and said Deed of Trust was last sold, assigned and transferred to U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustee for Velocity Commercial Capital Loan Trust 2021-2 by assignment recorded in Book 2023 at Page 5965, in the Office of the Chancery Clerk, Hancock County, Mississippi; and

WHEREAS, the holder of the deed of trust at the time of the substitution substituted McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC as Trustee, as authorized by the terms thereof, by instrument recorded on November 16, 2023 and spread at large upon the records in the Office of the aforesaid Chancery Clerk in Book 2023 at Page 24762, prior to the posting and publication of this notice; and

THEREFORE, on December 28, 2023, the undersigned Substitute Trustee in the deed of trust, will offer for sale at public outcry and sell to the highest bidder for cash, within legal hours (being between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.) at

the Front door of the Hancock County Courthouse, in Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, the following described land, property and improvements lying and being situate in Hancock County, Mississippi, to-wit:

Lot 8, Square 325, Shoreline Park Subdivision, Unit 3, Addition 1, a subdivision as per the official map or plat thereof on file and of record in the Office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi, in Plat Book 3 at Page 57.

WE WILL CONVEY only such title as is vested in the Substitute Trustee.

WITNESS OUR SIGNATURE, this the 28th day of November, 2023.

McCalla Raymer Leibert Pierce, LLC Substitute Trustee 1022 Highland Colony Parkway, Suite 304 Ridgeland, MS 39157 (769) 208-4945

File No.: 23-02509MS

PUBLISH: 12/07/2023; 12/14/2023; 12/21/2023

Notice of Public Hearing

Notice is hereby given that the Hancock County, Mississippi Planning and Zoning Commission will hold a public hearing at 854-A Highway 90, Bay Saint Louis, Mississippi 39520, on January 4, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. on the application of David Dreher requesting a zoning change from A-1 to C-1. The property is located in the area of Kiln Delisle, Kapalama, Ed Favre/Kapalama, Vic Faye/Capalama Line, Pass Christian, Mississippi 39571. The parcels/area proposed to be changed from A-1 to C-1 include: (1) the area beginning at intersection of Ed Faye Road and Kapalama Road, extending east along Kapalama Road to its intersection with Kiln Delisle Road, then extending northward along the center line of Kiln-Delisle Road 350 feet to a point, then extending parallel to Kapalama Road to a point 350 feet north of the intersection of Ed Faye Road and Kapalama Road, then back to the place of beginning; (2) the area beginning at the intersection of Kiln-Delisle Road and Kapalama Road, then east to the Hancock County/Harrison County line, then following that County line north to the Rotten Bayou waterway, then following the waterway westward to the center of Kiln-Delisle Road, then back to the place of beginning; and (3) from the area beginning at the intersection of Ed Faye Road and Kapalama Road, extending south to the nearest section line, then extending east along the section line to the Hancock County/Harrison County line, then extending back along the centerline of Kapalama Road to the place of beginning. A map detail of the proposed area is on file and can be reviewed at the Building and Zoning Department of Hancock County, 854 Highway 90, Bay Saint Louis, Mississippi 39520. All persons are hereby given notice to attend and take such part as they deem appropriate.

Article VIII REGULATIONS FOR OFF-STREET PARKING AND LOADING AREAS

Section 803: EXCEPTIONS

When a portion of the required off-street parking is provided for by municipal parking lots or by joint private facilities, such portion may be credited against the total space requirement.

In the Central Business District, C-1, no off-street parking is required with the exception of whenever a residential or Hotel/Motel use is permitted. Such residential or Hotel/Motel use shall comply to the regulations for off-street parking.

SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE

WHEREAS, on the June 21, 2018, Paul C Houston, III and Beth A Houston, executed a Deed of Trust to Brad D. Wilkinson, Esq., Trustee for the use and benefit of Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as beneficiary, as nominee for CIS Financial Services, Inc. dba CIS Home Loans, its successors and assigns, which Deed of Trust is on file and of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi, in Deed of Trust June 27, 2018, in Book No. 2018, at Page 13217 thereof; which was modified on April 19, 2022, in Book No. 2022, at Page 12017

WHEREAS, said Deed of Trust was ultimately assigned to ALIED FIRST BANK, SB DBA SERVBANK by assignment on file and of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi, in October 26, 2023, in Book No. 2023, at Page 23251 thereof; and

WHEREAS, the legal holder of the said Deed of Trust and the note secured thereby, substituted Wilson & Associates, PLLC, as Trustee therein, as authorized by the terms thereof, by instrument recorded in the office of the aforesaid Chancery Clerk in November 13, 2023, in Book No. 2023, at Page 24450 thereof; and

WHEREAS, default having

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THE COMMUNITY

CALENDAR

DECEMBER 7
•Dress for success for less from the Thrifty Mermaid. For every dress sold through Dec. 31 — at \$7 each — the Thrifty Mermaid will donate two dresses to the Magdalene House Women’s Community Center for the entire month of December. We want to help make sure every woman has an opportunity to succeed and dress the part.
•From now until Dec. 19, put a toy under the tree at 200 North Beach and give children in need a reason to smile. Everyone that brings a toy receives a domestic beer or a glass of wine (or non-alcoholic beverage) free. Hancock Resource Center will collect the toys on Dec. 19 and distribute them to children in our area.

DECEMBER 8
•Bay St. Louis Little Theatre presents “A Southern Christmas Carol.” Imagine that Charles Dickens was a Southern playwright and his “A Christ-

mas Carol” was set in the South. Enjoy this Christmas classic with a Southern fried flavor! Scrooge is deliciously Southern. Show begins at 7:30 p.m. All tickets are \$10. For more visit, www.bsllt.org or call 228-467-9024.

DECEMBER 9
•St. Rose de Lima Catholic Church will host its annual Reindeer Fun Run/Walk. The event is a 5K run, two-mile walk. Meet at the Washington Street Pavilion at Beach Boulevard. Registration begins at 7 a.m., race beings at 8 a.m. Prizes for 1st and 2nd place, adult runners and youth runners. For more, contact Golden Fairconnetue at 228-332-0526.
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deliciously Southern. Show begins at 7:30 p.m. All tickets are \$10. For more visit, www.bsllt.org or call 228-467-9024.
•The American Legion Post 77 will host Breakfast with Santa. Tickets are now on sale and can be purchased from the Bingo Hall on Waveland Avenue.
•The Arts Hancock County is hosting its annual art reception and holiday party and awards presentation. Mingle with friends, support the artists and raise a glass to the winners from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at 405 Blaize Avenue, Bay St. Louis.
•Lakeshore Baptist Church will host a community Christmas carol singing at 5:30 p.m. This annual event has become a Lakeshore tradition and the church invites all ages to participate. There is no cost for this event and refreshments will be served. The church is located at 6028 Lakeshore Road, Bay St. Louis. For more information, visit <https://lakeshorebaptist.net/>

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DECEMBER 10
•The Gulfport Civic League’s 61st Christmas Tour of Homes will be held from 2 to 5 p.m. This year’s homes are in Florence Gardens. Everyone is invited to the tea house at Magnolia Hall where there will be refreshments, a silent auction and raffle. The homes on tour include those of Stephanie and Jack Norris, 12216 Preservation Dr.; Kaye and Bob Riggs, 12199 Preservation Dr.; Diana and Phillip Bateman, 12542 Westwood Place; and Bridget and Andy Whitman, 13130 Whistle Court. Tickets are \$20 and can be obtained from members, at the doors of homes the day of the tour or by calling 228-297-6204. Proceeds support the Civic League’s community projects.

DECEMBER 16
•Bayside Fire Department’s Christmas parade will begin at 7 p.m. at the school on Lakeshore Road, turn onto Bayside on Hancock Drive, travel down Hancock Drive, wrap around Smiths Family Grocery, turn back onto Hancock Drive, turn left onto West Adams,

left at Jasper Street, travel down to West Hinds, right onto West Hinds at end at the fire station (6218 West Hinds) where Santa Claus will be waiting to take pictures with the children. If anyone would like to put in a truck, car, trailer, float or anything else in the parade, contact Fire Chief Tony Johnston at 985-503-5457.

Disclaimer: Events featured on the calendar page are printed at no charge and space permitting. Submissions are limited to community, educational, churches and non-profit organizations. Please submit your calendar entries electronically to sandra@seacoastecho.com.

PET HAVEN

VETERINARY HOSPITAL

228.467.3910 | 2016 Benigno Lane | Bay St. Louis, MS
(off Drinkwater behind Wendy's)

Charles West, DVM • Matthew Moore, DVM

Mon.-Thurs. 7:30am-6pm | Fri. 7:30am-1pm

ANIMAL HOSPITAL

OF DIAMONDHEAD

228.255.4144 | 16840 KapaLama Road | Diamondhead, MS

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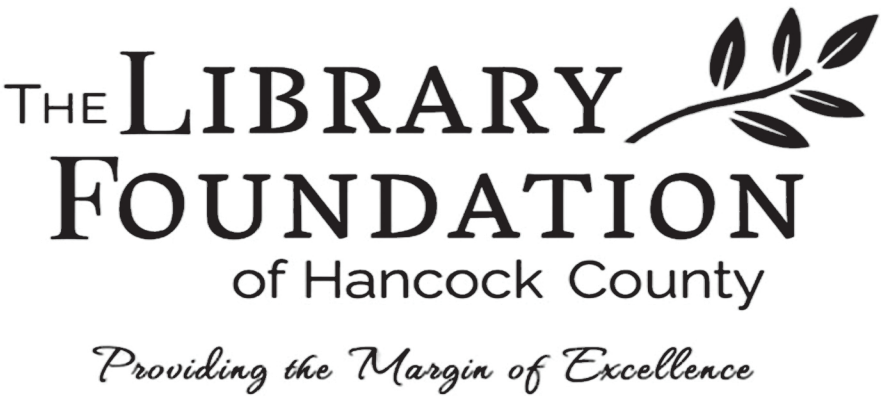
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SSC honors Cross Country, Golf, Jr High Football, & Swimming student athletes

BY JOSEPH W. GEX II
STAFF WRITER

Saint Stanislaus College honored the student athletes in cross country, golf, junior high football, and swimming recently with awards ceremonies to recognize student athletes with Certificates of Participation, varsity letters, and special team awards. In addition to these awards, members of the team received special Academic Excellence certificates for achieving honor roll status during their sport’s season.

On November 7, the school recognized members of the golf team following the completion of their season. In addition to recognizing student athletes with letters and participation certificates, the program honored certain team members for their effort and accomplishment. The Newcomer of the Year Award was presented to Caleb Darby and Charley Thompson. The Teammate of the Year Award was earned by Collin Wahl. The Most Improved Golfer Award was merited by Ayden Spear. The Coach’s Award went to Carter Hopkins. Mitchell Thompson was presented the Most Valuable

Golfer Award and Jack Lawson was given the Mr. Rock-A-Chaw Award.

On November 9, members of the junior high football team were recognized for their performance. Chase Stiglets was presented the Outstanding Offensive Scout Team Player Award and Peyton Spear earned the Outstanding Defensive Scout Team Player Award. The Special Teams Award was given to Jude Babin and Jeremiah Rutherford earned the Teammate Award. The Most Improved Defensive Player Award was merited by Liam McLendon while the Most Improved Offensive Player Award was given to Garrett Burrell. James Rutherford was presented the Coach’s Award and Cayden Williams earned the Hustle Award. Chase Armbury was given the Outstanding Defensive Lineman Award and Nicholas Herbert earned the Outstanding Offensive Lineman Award. Javien Thompson was presented the Outstanding Offensive Player Award and Matthew Williston was recognized with the Outstanding Defensive Player Award. Javien Thompson was also presented with the Most Valuable Player Award while Brick Compretta was presented

the Mr. Rock-A-Chaw Award.

On November 16, the members of the cross-country team were recognized. In junior high, the Most Improved Runner Award was presented to Tommy McCauley. The Mr. Rock-A-Chaw Award was given to Connor Bauer and Will Compretta.

The varsity cross-country team was recognized on the same day. The Hardest Worker Award was presented to Harrison Brown and the Most Improved Runner Award was merited by Luke Lavergne. Rylan Fairley was given the Best Teammate Award and the Captain Award. Clay Hall was recognized with the Mr. Rock-A-Chaw Award.

On November 30, the swimming team was recognized by the school. The Spirit Award was merited by Peyton Shepherd while The Most Improved Swimmer Award was presented to Parker Pace. The Coach’s Award was given to Tia-go Valle Nishinoya. The Brother Albert Ledet Memorial Award was given to Vince Vorrath. Gibson Williams was given the Most Valuable Swimmer Award and Blake Shaw earned the Mr. Rock-A-Chaw Award.

Rick Cleveland and Neil White to sign “The Mississippi Football Book” at Pass Christian Books

SPECIAL TO THE ECHO

Veteran sportswriter Rick Cleveland and writer/publisher Neil White have partnered to produce a new coffee table book, The Mississippi Football Book. Part narrative, part encyclopedia, and part Guinness Book of World Records, The Mississippi Football Book features the greatest teams, coaches, and players from Mississippi’s remarkable football past - and present.

On Thursday, December 7, Cleveland and White will host two events on the Mississippi Gulf Coast. At 2 p.m., Cleveland and White will be joined by legendary Gulfport High School coach and athletic director Lindy Callahan at The Nourishing Place (606 Tennessee Street, Gulfport) to discuss and sign the book. Callahan will answer questions about the events leading up to the eleven-year period when Gulfport High and Biloxi High suspended their rivalry due to fights and “dirty play.” White will read an excerpt of the events leading up to the suspension that has never-before been published.

Later in the afternoon, at 5 p.m., Cleveland and White will sign books at Pass Christian Books (300 East Scenic Drive, Pass Christian). What legends are saying about the book - “If you are a Mississippi football fan - no matter which team you pull for - this book is for you.” - Archie Manning.

“As this book shows, the football in our state is untouched. I am honored to be part of the proud history of Mississippi football - so much of which is told in The Mississippi Football Book.” - Deuce McAlister.

“Two of Mississippi’s most respected writers, Rick Cleveland and Neil White, have combined their skills to produce this remarkable collection - and it perfectly depicts the drama, joy, heartbreak, and excitement that generations of Mississippians have felt watching their favorite football teams and gridiron stars.” - Robert Khayat, Chancellor Emeritus, University of Mississippi.

Rick Cleveland, the most decorated sportswriter in Mississippi history, wrote in his introduction, “Relatively small and poor and ranked near the bottom in so many statistical categories, the Magnolia State kicks tail when it comes to football talent. We lead the nation in producing the most NFL players and Pro Football Hall of Famers per capita. It’s not even close.”

In addition to feature stories on the state’s greatest players, The Mississippi Football Book ranks the top pass-

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Bay splits with Long Beach, Hancock sweeps D’Iberville

BY JOSEPH W. GEX II
STAFF WRITER

With the Thanksgiving holiday behind us, the hardwood has heated back up with all teams in action last week. It is getting close to the start of the division schedule for the teams so the final warm up with non-division foes is in full swing.

BAY HIGH TIGERS

The Bay High Tigers traveled to Long Beach last Tuesday to tangle with the Bearcats. In the girls’ game, the Lady Tigers beat Long Beach 41-21 behind seven points from both Lakeitha Sampson and Kiara Burney.

The Lady Tigers led 25-13 at intermission as they cruised through the second half of action to the win. Lady Tigers head coach Kelton Thompson commented, “We had some quality possessions early on in the game that allowed us to set the tempo. We hit the boards hard tonight and grabbed offensive rebounds that gave us second chance opportunities at

some points.”

In the boys’ game, the Tigers and the Bearcats fought through regulation and gave the fans an extra frame in overtime before Long Beach stood tall with a 43-41 narrow victory.

Long Brach led 8-6 after the first period but Bay High pushed the score to 25-18 at halftime behind Anthony Robinson’s 13 points in the period.

Bay High nursed a 28-26 lead going into the fourth frame when both teams went basket-for-basket ending regulation knotted at 38-38. Long Beach outscored Bay High 5-3 in the extra frame for the win.

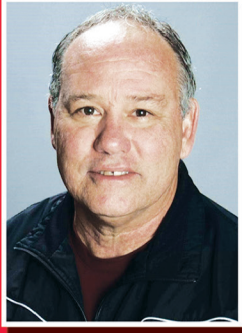
Thompson stated, “We don’t know how to win yet. It is a process and sometimes it takes a while. We are young team that is working through the process.”

Robinson led the Tigers with 19 points while Wayne Ulrich paced Long Beach with 20 points.

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THURSDAY 12-7-23	SATURDAY 12-9-23
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• Basketball: Hancock at George County, 6 p.m./7:30 p.m.	MONDAY 12-11-23
• Basketball: Saint Stanislaus vs Resurrection, 6 p.m.	• Bowling: Hancock at Cypress Lanes (D'Iberville), 4 p.m.
• Soccer: Bay High at Pass Christian, 5:30 p.m./7 p.m.	TUESDAY 12-12-23
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• Soccer: OLA vs St. Patrick, 5:30 p.m.	• Basketball: Hancock at Picayune, 6 p.m./7:30 p.m.
• Soccer: Saint Stanislaus at St. Patrick, 7 p.m.	• Basketball: OLA at Perry Central, 5:30 p.m.
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Shore Thing Fishing Report

BY CPT. SONNY SCHINDLER

I think over a years time, our boats proba- bly fish, or at least travel over Rough water way more than over calm wa- ter. Open water crossings to Cat Island, Halfmoon Island, or the Louisiana marsh can get downright miserable. Some days it is just unsafe, and not an option. For the most part, that 2 foot shop that we get out in the Mississippi sound is just enough to make things very uncomfortable. Most of the time we just have to go through the rough seas, to get to the areas to tuck into to hide, and fish the calmer wa- ter. Sometimes though, you just have to fish in that washing machine, to make a day of it.

This past fall was one

such memorable choppy day. I had two tough fel- las onboard, that made it work fishing in that rough water. Our good friends, Troy Johnston, and Joey Biedleman were up for the chal- lenge. We were trying to get to around to the south side of Cat Island, to get out of the stout wind and angry seas. When we got near the West tip or “the birdcage”, We saw a bunch of small terns and big pelicans div- ing. I was pretty sure what it was underneath them, and I’m pretty sure Troy and Joey knew too. I asked them if they would be all right in the choppy conditions. They both grinned and each grabbed a fishing pole. The first drift and the first couple of casts confirmed our suspi- cions, big BULL REDS. I figured after they each caught one we would join our other boats in the protected waters, but boy was I wrong. We quickly tagged and re- leased their 2 bull reds. Before I

Could I even offer the calmer water op- tion, they were both re-baited, looking for the diving birds to indi- cate where the bull reds



Photo courtesy of Sonny Schindler
Troy Johnston and Joey Biedleman with another big bull red (tagged and released)

were feeding. We must have drifted through that school 20 times that af- ternoon. Each time they got within range of any of the diving birds, they were met with a very an- gry bull red on the other end of their line. Nobody fell in, and we didn’t break anything on the boat. Other than being completely exhausted from fishing in the rough seas, it was an absolute- ly amazing afternoon. They were OK fishing in the rough seas, and I felt other than being un-

comfortable we were not in harms way. I’m not gonna lie, after a while, when we got a good sys- tem in place, it was a whole lot of fun. Those two guys are tough as nails.

Troy and Joey have been fishing with us for many years now, and we have had some amaz- ing trips together. The whole way back to the dock was high-fives and smiles. They said it was one of the most fun out- ings we have ever been on.

Soccer teams starting to find a groove

BY JOSEPH W. GEX II
STAFF WRITER

Long Beach 4-0 to fall to 2-5-1 overall on the sea- son.

The area soccer teams returned to the field last week in limited action following the Thanksgiv- ing break. Their season is about to ramp up as the playoffs will begin in earnest in late January.

BAY HIGH TIGERS

The Bay High Tigers split a pair of games with Pearl River Central last week. The Tigers beat the Blue Devils 3-1 to move to 7-0-1 overall on the season. The Lady Tigers dropped their con- test with PRC 2-1 as Mia Middleton scored the lone goal. The Lady Tig- ers are currently 3-4-1 on the season.

HANCOCK HAWKS

The Hawks tied Van- cleave 2-2 before falling 3-2 to Long Beach. The Hawks now have a re- cord of 3-3-2 overall. The Lady Hawks fell to Vancleave 3-1 and dropped their game with

OUR LADY ACADEMY CRESCENTS

The Crescents beat North Forrest 9-0 in a di- vision contest before fall- ing to Biloxi 6-2. In the Biloxi game, Kennedy Leverett and Julia Hoff- man scored the goals. Bi- loxi led 1-0 at halftime.

OLA head coach Shane Kowalski stat- ed, “We are still trying to define our identity. We have somewhat of a young lineup. The girls are working hard, and we will be ready for division play.”

The Crescents sport a record of 3-2 and 2-0 in division play.

SAINT STANISLAUS ROCK-A-CHAWS

The Rocks picked up a 10-0 win over North Forrest in division action last week to move their record to 4-3 overall and 2-0 in division play.

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In other action, Bay High dropped a game to Christian Collegiate Academy 43-39 and beat Vancleave 46-37. The Tigers are now 1-8.

The Lady Tigers beat Christian Col- legiate Academy 46-5 and Vancleave 65-10 to move their record to 7-2 over- all.

HANCOCK HAWKS

The Hancock Lady Hawks picked up 53-39 victory over D’Iberville on Friday evening. Anslee James led the Lady Hawks with 18 points followed by Riley Bishop with 13 and Brooklyn Cuevas with 11 points. Hancock led at intermission 32-16 as they cruised to the victory in the second half.

Hancock Lady Hawks head coach Jamie Sisco commented, “We have started the season where we left off last year. The biggest thing for this team is to play consistently for four quarters. We are still working on our rotation and matchups. As a team, the girls are playing extremely hard.”

In the boys’ game, the Hawks start- ed fast and did not let up on the War- riors winning 40-30. Hancock jumped out to an 8-2 first period lead before extending the score to 17-2 at halftime. The Warriors mounted a charge late, but Hancock held firm and secured the win down the stretch.

Hancock head coach Connor En- triken stated, “We struggled a little ear-

ly without our football guys. But, when we got them on the floor, our mental approach has taken a step forward. Our football team had a tremendous season and they have brought that mentality to the team. The team is continuing to build some chemistry with the new ad- ditions, and we are slowly putting what we want as coaches on the floor. Our next step is to believe that we can com- pete with these teams. We are working hard toward that and we will get there. I am proud of how we executed our game plan tonight which was to start fast, play fast, and finish fast.”

The Hawks were led by Mike Wash- ington with 15 points and Donte Taylor with 13 points.

In other action, the Hawks beat St. Martin last week 47-35. Hancock sports a 3-6 overall record. The Lady Hawks also beat St. Martin last week 48-36 and they currently have an over- all record of 7-0.

OUR LADY ACADEMY

The Crescents played one game last week falling to Pearl River Central 60-28. The Crescents have a 1-6 overall record and will begin division play this week.

SAINT STANISLAUS ROCK-A-CHAWS

The Rocks won a pair of games last week beating Pearl River Central 38-33 before getting a division win over West Marion 49-25. The Rocks cur- rently have an overall record of 5-4 and are 1-0 in the division.

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PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

Basketball

The boys’ Basketball Player of the Week is Saint Stanislaus guard Paxton Debardeleben. Last week, Paxton helped the Rocks to a wins over PRC and West Marion. Against PRC, Debardeleben led SSC with 12 points, 7 rebounds, and 5 assists in the PRC game, and against West Marion, he poured in 13 points, 5 rebounds, and 4 assists.



Paxton Debardeleben
St. Stanislaus

The girls’ basketball Player of the Week is Hancock’s Anslee James. Last week, James averaged 18 points, 8 rebounds, and 4 steals in wins over St. Martin and D’Iber- ville.



Anslee James
Hancock High

Soccer

The girls’ Soccer Player of the Week is Bay High’s Mia Middleton. Last week, Middleton scored the only Bay High goal in a 2-1 loss to Pearl River Central.



Mia Middleton
Bay High



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